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RE: Application # 10/081.846

Gentle persons:

Please find enclosed the necessary \$130.00 for resubmission of the original date the above patent application was filed, Feb.28/2002. If granted I will attempt to fulfill the shortcomings of my application. If not, this important boon to Ophthalmology may die on the vine. At 85 years of age, I don't know how much time I have and I am much too tired to fight Alcon and Bausch & Lomb and others who are anxiously awaiting the outcome of this petition.

I have filed 3 Pre Patent Applications at \$75.00 per, the last of which # 60/284,808 would become worthless unless 10/081,846 has a filing date prior to April 19th. I only received rejection today, the April 25th. What took so long? Ergo, because of developments beyond my control, I am placed in a ketch 22 situation. I don't think the petition fee is warranted.

I am living officially retired and I could never afford to pay an attorney \$400.00 an hour, having spent several years and all the money I could muster developing this surgical procedure which would benefit mankind...even, perhaps you, the reader. Can it be that the paperwork involved in a patent is more important than it's creation?

I would appreciate a refund of the \$130.00 in view of the too lateness of the rejection. (I thought it should be \$55.00 for a loner). *SMALL ENTITY*

This would not be my first patent. In the true spirit of innovation for which our country has become famous, please advise what claims other than those in the original application (see enclosed excerpts) might be viable. Also, enclosed, I have written an abstract limited to 150 words. Please advise if this is satisfactory. I would be more than happy to appear personally. I understand that that would require some sort of pass to get by the Gendarme below.

Help!

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